

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: July 1, 2008
POSITION: Neutral
SPONSOR: The Office of the Secretary of Education

BILL NUMBER: SB 1643
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BILL SUMMARY: Teacher Credentialing: Eminence Teaching Credential

Under current law, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) is the only entity authorized to issue teaching credentials. This bill would authorize a county board of education (COE) to authorize a county superintendent of schools to issue an eminence credential to a person that has been recommended by a school district and has demonstrated subject matter competence. This eminence credential would authorize the holder to teach in public schools of the authorizing county in a subject and level approved by the county superintendent, and would be limited to candidates that hold a valid certificate of clearance issued by the CTC. Additionally, this bill would require the CTC to track and report all county issued eminence credentials in the same manner as existing eminence credentials.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The CTC does not anticipate an impact to revenues or on-going costs because it issues a very small number of eminence credentials each year at a statutorily set fee of \$55.00 and this bill would not require an increase in activities at the CTC beyond the proposed tracking and reporting. Since the activities authorized by this bill would be voluntary on the part of the school district and the bill would permit a COE to charge the candidate a fee to recover the costs incurred in processing the eminence credential, the Department of Finance does not anticipate any additional state level costs.

COMMENTS

This bill is intended to address the teacher shortage. It is sponsored by the Office of the Secretary of Education and would provide COEs a method of recruiting and credentialing, for classroom instruction, individuals from their local communities who are eminent in a field or subject the governing board wishes to have taught in the schools of their district.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2008-2009	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	Code
6360/Teacher Cred	SO	No		-----	No/Minor Fiscal Impact	-----			0407
6110/Dept of Educ	LA	No		-----	No/Minor Fiscal Impact	-----			0001

<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>
0001	General Fund
0407	Teacher Credentials Fund

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